was thought appropriate to set up a separate body to carry on the project launched by the CBSE. Therefore, an autonomous organisation called the National Open School (NOS) was established on 23-11-1989 to cater to the educational needs of school drop-outs working adults, house-wives and socially disadvantaged sections at the school stage through distance and Open Learning System. During the year 1993-94, 64953 students were enrolled by NOS in its various courses of studies.

Protection of caves in Maharashtra

1789. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the caves near Nasik in Maharashtra popularly known as Pandav Lena are under purview of Archaeological department:

(b) whether Archaeological department has granted permission for blasting operations on the hills, on which the caves are located;

(c) if not, what action Government propose to take against the blasting operations on the hills; and

(d) whether Government will bring about statute for protecting surrounding of Archaeological monuments preventing blasting, digging etc?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The matter is being referred to the State Government to withdraw the permission, if granted, keeping in view the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

(d) There is already a provision in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 to protect the surrounding of monuments preventing blasting, digging, etc.

Meetings of ISCE

1790. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3396 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th December, 1993 and state:

(a) the names and designation of the Central and State Government representatives who did take part in the meetings of the Council for Indian School Certificate Examination held in 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) the details of each meetings;

(c) whether the Council did approve the income and expenditure account of the Council for the above period; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any discrepancy or mistake has been brought to the notice of the members by the concerned authority?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) The information furnished by the Council for Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE) is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Various administrative, establishment, academic and financial matters pertaining to the Council were discussed in those meetings.

(c) The audited statements of Accounts for the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 were adopted in the meetings held during the years from 1991 to 1993.

(d) No, Sir.

Statement

Names and Designation of the representatives of the Central Government and State Governments attended the meetings of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations held in 1990-91, 1991-92 *and* 1992 93.

1990-91

1. Sh. S. Gopal, Secretary, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

2. Dr. G. L. Arora, Reader, National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT).

3. Sh. S. C. Gupta, Controller of Examinations, CBSE.

4. Dr. H. S. Srivastava, NCERT

5. Shri D. Ghosh, Director, School Education, West Bengal.

6. Shri M. D. Saxena, Associate *Inspector of Anglo Indian School*, Uttar Pradesh.

7. Dr. A. K. Das, Joint Director, School Education, West Bengal.

8. Shri J. R. Verma, Inspector, Anglo Indian Schools, Uttar Pradesh.

1991-92

1. Smt. S. Salvai, Deputy Director, School Education, Delhi Admn.

2. Dr. Atma Ram, Director of Education, Himachal Pradesh.

3. Dr. A. K. Das, Joint Director of School Education, West Bengal.

4. Shri R. R. Pardeshi, Deputy Director, Education, Bombay.

1992-93

1. Dr. K. J. S Chatrath, Secretary, NCERT.

2. Shri S. Gopal, Secretary, CBSE.

3. Dr. A. K. Sharma, Joint Director, NCERT.

4. Dr. D. Ghosh, Director of School Education, West Bengal.

5. DR. A. K. Das, Joint Director of School Education, West Bengal.

दिल्ली में अवैध निर्माण

1791 **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में खाली पड़ी भूमि पर वैध और अवैध निर्माण अत्यन्त तेजी से हो रहा है और इसमें से अधिकांश निर्माण उस भूमि पर हो रहा है जो सांस्कृतिक संपदा की दृष्टि से अत्यन्त महत्वपूर्ण है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार सांस्कृतिक संपदा की सुरक्षा की दृष्टि से ऐसे सारे क्षेत्र का अधिग्रहण करने और अधिभोक्ताओं को वैकल्पिक स्थान देकर ऐसी अधिगृहीत भूमि से अवैध अतिक्रमण को हटाने का विचार रखती है, और

(ग) क्या सरकार पुरातत्व की दृष्टि से महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में उत्खनन कार्य शीघ्र आरंभ करने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग) में उपमंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं। जैसे ही भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण को भूमि पर अतिक्रमण संबंधी रिपोर्टें प्राप्त होती हैं, भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण "प्राचीन संस्मारक तथा पुरातत्वीय स्थल और अवशेष अधिनियम, 1958" तथा "प्राचीन संस्मारक तथा पुरातत्वीय स्थल और अवशेष नियम, 1959' के अनुसार इन अतिक्रमणों को हटाने के लिए स्थानीय पुलिस में तथा अन्य स्थानीय प्राधिकारियों को शिकायतें दर्ज कराता है।

(ग) जी, नहीं। सरकार केवल विशिष्ट ऐतिहासिक अथवा पुरातत्वीय समस्याओं का समाधान करने के लिए किसी स्थल पर उत्खनन-कार्य करती है।